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From the Evening Post, Aug. 1.

London, July 31, 1727.

SIR,

Observing the other Day at the Door of our Great Taverns, a Cluster of Brokers very busy and full of Agitation, as they are used to be when driving in the Alley, I cross'd the Way, and asked one of them whom I knew, what they were about: He whispered me, (for a Broker always speaks by Whisper) we are bulling of Burrows; now is your Time, they sell 20 per Cent. last Night, buy quickly, for they'll be up again; I'll warrant you they'll rise 40 per Cent. as soon as the Gentlemen from *Wbite*'s come: Our Gamesters are the only Men, they value Money no more than Dirt; if you have a mind to buy, step in.

I was no sooner got up Stairs but a Jew accosts me --- What are you for, *Sir*, a Burrough or a City? a Gentleman of your Figure would become a City or a County; name the Place you would be chosen for: There is not a Man in England shall do your Business better and cheaper than I. But, Sir, replied I, you know not yet whether I am qualified or not, or what Party I am of. O! that's not a Farthing Matter, said he, I care not whether you are a *Jacobite* or a *Republican*; pay but accordingly, and for your Qualifications, let me alone with it: You shall hazard nothing but what you *depoſite*, and I'll insure your Election.

I had mind to see how far this Farce would go, so named a Burgh not 50 Miles from London. At this my Jew takes out his Pocket-book, and with the same Gravity, as I remember *Jonathan Wilde* used to consult his List when you inquir'd for stolen Goods, run over several Names, then said, No, Sir, you cann't have that; but I'll put you in for another, which is the same thing. On which I answered, Pray, why cannot you put me in there? Have you no Interest for that Borough? There's nothing in Interest, said he; my Manner is to send down my Emissaries, I have of all Kinds, Attorneys, Officers, Pimps, Wenches, Priests, &c. I chuse out such as are fittest for the Place, and send them down; they talk big, and promise vast Sums, till they set the People a-madding, and drive away their Candidates for fear of Expence: Some little Matters of Money they pay down as Earnest, promise a great deal more, and the Matter is done: I never fail, my Agents are all staunch, and will not stick at a Ly or an Oath to execute their Commission. Then I put in a Word, If you do such Wonders, pray, Sir, why cann't you get me the Burgh mentioned? Because, says he, that is already disposed of; I sold it some 12 Days ago, and sent down a trusty Parson thither; for you must know that's a High Church Borough: *Sir Dominic* is a notable old Toast, and tho' upwards of 60 Years, a very Wag, one who looks demure, lies devoutly, speaks low and with Consideration; but is as fly and as sharp as a keen Heath-Country Air can possibly make him: Here's a Letter I have received from him; he has made a rare Progress, he says he kept the whole Burgh drunk for this Week past, and has promised them --- But De'il a Groat shall they ever see besides the Earnest Money.

I could bear no longer, but broke out, *Sir*, This is abusing the Clergy too much, do you imagine that any one can ever believe, that a Clergyman, a Man of Learning and Years, with one Foot in the Grave, and whose Thoughts must be conversant with Eternity, do you think, I say, I can never believe that such a one should lead the People into Drunkenness and Debauchery, and which is worse, should deal in Bribing them to sell their Country, and afterwards cheat them of their very Bribe, I cannot believe one Word of what you say; but he protested and said it was even so said he; would sell me a Burgh if I would make my *Deposite*, and I might depend he would secure me a Seat in the next ---------- I was struck with Horrour at this barefac'd Proceeding, and told him there were severe Laws for punishing Corruption, at which he laughed, and I left the Place; hoping they were only a Crew of impudent Wretches, who endeavoured to cheat unwary Men, by promising what they never could perform: But upon Enquiry I find it is too true, that there are Undertakers for Burghs, &c.

&c. whose Business it is to corrupt Free-holders, and Returning Officers, and who make a gainful Trade of this Villainy.

Having no Access to great Men, and consequently no Opportunity to inform them of this Matter, I desire, Sir, you would publish it in your Paper, and then perhaps it may come into the Hands of our Superiors; and they no doubt, as soon as they are acquainted with it, will put a Stop to the growing Evil, and we shall see the selling of our Burghs as severely punished as the debasing of our Coin.

This Corrupt Practice will not only deprive Honest Men of their natural Interests in Elections, but may be of terrible Consequence to the Government it self. Every one knows, that the Destruction of the *Roman* Commonwealth, was brought about by making the Suffrages of the People Venal; and that Lewis XI. by bribing the States of Burgundy, swallowed up that Dutchy and annexed it to the Crown of France. The indulging a Traffick of this Nature will instruct Foreign Princes, at what Price they may disturb the Peace of the Country; and had it been known when Philip II. of Spain or Lewis XIV. of France were in their Grandeur, England had now been neither a Protestant nor a free Country. What the one could not compass by his vast Armada at Sea, nor the other by a Land Army of 400,000 Men, might have been effected by no very great Sum of Money, distributed among our Mercenary Wretches. Nor can we be secure of that High Assembly, which should be the Bulwark of our Rights and Freedom, may be filled by such Men as are devoted to a Foreign Interest; whenever our Enemies abroad shall think fit to *Deposite* (to speak in Brokers Language) but as much Money as it would cost them to take a single Town, or carry on the ordinary Operations of one Campaign.

From the Supplement to the Amsterd. Gazette, Aug. 8.

Genoa, July 19. We have Advice that the French Squadron which sailed from Toulon some Time ago, is arrived at Tunis, where the Regency have imprisoned the French Consul, and caused take off the Rudders from all the French Vessels in that Porte. 'Tis added that the Regency of Tripoli has caused assassinate the French Consul, and allowed the Mob to pillage his House.

Naples, July 1. The Chevalier d'Orleans, Grand Prior of France, arrived here the 6th Inst. with his Squadron of Galleys from Palermo, where he was magnificently regaled by the Count d'Almenara Viceroy of Sicily. He will be entertained in like manner this Day by the Cardinal d'Althan, our Viceroy, who has given him his Coaches to divert himself about the City.

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Peterburg, July 15. The 22d Inst. is the Day fixed for the Departure of the Duke and Dutchess of Holstein, who designs to go and reside at Kiel; the Dutchess his Consort will set out at the same Time, tho' she could have wish'd to stay and ly in here. The Emperor allows them 6 Pregats for Convoy, and several Transports for their Retinue, which consists of 684 Persons.

London, Aug. 1. Last Night Thomas Smith, Esq; had the Golden Key delivered to him, as Vice-Chamberlain of the Queen's Houshold.

From the Whitehall Evening-post, Aug. 1.

Francfort, July 27. The French have formed a Camp in Alsatia, and about Landau.

Stockholm, July 23. We hear from Jankopin that Count de Welling, who was confined in the Royal Castle there, died the 10th Inst.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Aug 1,

Antwerp, August 5. The French have formed a Camp 7 Leagues from Mons, on the Side of Landrecy and Barlemont, already consisting of 10000 Men, and is to be made up 20000 Men, under the Command of Prince de Tingris, to consume the Forrage.

Brussels, Aug. 7. The Marquis de Pozzobueno has received a Courier from Madrid, with News that on the 25th past the Queen of Spain was safely delivered of a Prince, at Half an-hour after 2 in the Afternoon, nam'd *Lewis Anthony*, the King of France being Godfather. By the same Express we learn, That Count de las Torres was arrived at Madrid, That Count de Montemar commands the Blockade of Gibraltar at St. Roche, and General Ribadeo, the Troops in Quarters of Refreshment at La Ronda.

London, Aug. 1. His Majesty intends to add 4 Lords of the Bed-chamber to the 8 already mentioned.

His Majesty has ordered an Account to be taken of the late King his Father's Debts.

Sir John Norris with his Squadron is hourly expected in the River, an Express being arrived from Copenhagen, who left the Admiral weighing Anchor to return home.

Wye's

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, August 3.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France.

WE long for the next Mail, to know whether his Catholick Majeſty will upon the Repreſentations of the King of France, deſiſt from his Pretenſions relating to Gibraltar; and likeways whether he will agree to the Award of the Court of France, in relation to the reſtoring the rich South Sea Ship, *Prince Frederick*, which was ſeized at Vera Crux. Mean Time we are informed, that Count de Montemar with ſix Battallions, was ſtill keeping a Blocade at Gibraltar; and that the Troops under the Command of General Ribadeo, were put into Quarters of Refreſhment, at Ronda in Galicia, in order to be ready to encamp again, ſhould occaſion require.

The Letters from the Hague of the 8th Inſt. ſay, it was look'd upon there as a Thing almoſt certain, that the Meeting of the Congreſs at Aix la Chapelle, will be put off till December.

We are told that freſh Supplies will be ſent to Gibraltar, and alſo to the Weſt Indies. 'Tis obſervable that ſuch of our Merchant Ships as are ſailing hence for the Streights, are extraordinary well Gun'd and Man'd. Our laſt Letters from Barbadoes add, That on the 10th of June the Portland and Tyger, arrived there from Gibraltar, and that 4 Days after, they ſailed thence for Jamaica to join Admiral Hoſier.

The Lord Ailmar is made Comptroller of the Mint, in Room of Martin Bladen Eſq; who has reſigned.

Sir John Norris is hourly expected with his Squadron from the Baltick.

The Proclamation for diſſolving the preſent Parliament is not yet publiſhed, but daily expected; the Writs being to bear Date the 10th Inſt. Mean time the Parties are ſtriving for the Majority, for obtaining which, 'tis ſaid no Money will be ſpared, particularly by one Side. A certain great Author lays it down as an eſtabliſhed Maxim, *That the fewer Members there are who enjoy Places or Penſions, the better it is for the Liberty of the People, &c.* Mean time the Behaviour, Principles, and Qualities of the Gentlemen which compoſe the preſent Parliament, muſt ſufficiently recommend them to the Eſteem of the Electors.

Sir Thomas Lumley Saunderſon, Knight of the Bath, and Robert Vernor, Eſq; ſtand Candidates for the County of Lincoln; Mr. Willimot, and the Hon. Mr. Compton, and Collonel Montague, Brother to the Earl of Hallifax, ſtand Candidates for the Town of Northampton.

They write from Briſtol, That one of the Turnpikes there was found entirely demoliſhed, and 3 more ſince by Perſons in Diſguiſe; at the pulling down of one of them there was a ſharp Encounter, wherein one Perſon had his Arm almoſt cut off; That Collonel Ker's Regiment were come to Town, and would ſoon be followed by another Regiment of Foot and one of Dragoons.

Advices from Madrid by the French Mail relate, That on the 24th paſt the Prince de Charolois ſet out thence on his Return to Paris, with ſome Commiſſion from his Catholic Majeſty; That a French Ship belonging to Diepe, which had been taken by a Spaniſh Privateer, was releaſed.

'Tis added, that the Lord North and Grey was arrived at Madrid the 22d paſt, and (as they ſay) is to ſerve as a Lieutenant General in the Spaniſh Army.

From Cadix they write, That ſeveral Ships are arming there; ann from Bruſſels, That ſeveral Poſt-chaiſes were ſeen to paſs between Liege and Treves, in one of which is ſaid to be the Pretender.

Theſe are very odd Accounts to be given, after the Hopes we had conceived of a general Peace; and therefore we ſuſpend our Belief of them.

S. S. Stock is 110, 3 4ths.

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Paris, Aug. 9. They write from Madrid, That the Imperial Ambaſſador, who for ſome Time were but ſeldom to Court, has again been admitted to ſeveral Audiences of the Queen, as alſo the Nuncio of the Pope.

Matters at Gibraltar continue as before, the Condition of the Trenches being exactly viewed by the Engliſh, and the Fortifications of the Town by the Spaniards.

The Lord North and Gray, and his Chaplain, have both embraced the Roman Catholick Religion; as the ſaid Lord was Lieutenant General in England, he is to have the like Poſt in the Army of the King of Spain. Some Men of War are fitting out at Cadix.

Vienna, July 26. Credentials are actually drawing up in Chancery, for Baron Bentenrider, as 2d Plenipotentiary to the Congreſs of Aix la Chapelle.

'Tis

'Tis thought that the other Plenipotentiaries will be declared some Time next Week.

Hague, Aug. 5. The States made Yesterday the following Promotion both of Generals of Horse and Foot.

General of Horse, Lieutenant General Prince William of Hesse-Cassel. *Generals of Foot*, The Prince of Holstein-Beck, the Baron van Palland, and Mynheer Colzier.

Lieutenants General of Horse, The Majors Generals van Cralingen, Groveftein, Rechteren, Du-Portail, and Count Maurice of Nassau. *Lieutenants General of Foot*, The Majors General Visouse, Keppel, Villeguas, Hussel, and Montese.

Majors General of Horse, 10. *Majors General of Foot*, 16, *viz.* Collonel Murray, &c.

Brigadiers of Horse, 11. *Brigadiers of Foot*, 20, *viz.* Collonels Cuningham, Halket, &c.

London, Aug. 3. Yesterday the Duke of Argile's Regiment of Horse passed in Review before their Majesties on Kow Green. Their Majesties went afterwards to Dinner at Richmond, and will continue there till Tomorrow, when they return back to Kensington.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Edinburgh, Aug. 1. 1727.

† The Royal College of Phycians at Edinburgh, having always shown such a particular Concern for the sick Poor, that for several Years two of their Number have attended every Week in their Hall to give Advice, and also Medicines to some proper Objects *gratis*. And now considering, that there is an Hospital for the sick poor to be erected at Edinburgh; Therefore they, for the Encouragement of such a pious Undertaking, oblige themselves, That one or more of their Number, shall attend the said Hospital faithfully and freely, without any Prospect of Reward or Salary, until the Stock of the said Hospital shall be so increased, That it can afford a reasonable Allowance for one or two Physicians for their proper Use; and the College orders this Advertisement, signed in their Name by their President, to be published.

FRA. PRINGLE *pro Praes.*

*** That the Trustees for the Creditors of John Lindsay of MAINES, have Adjourned the Sale of his Estate to Thursday the Sixteenth of November next; when the same is to be sold by publick Roup, in John's Coffee-house, Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon. Any Person who has a mind to purchase, may be informed, by Mr. Veitch or Mr. Goldie Writers to the Signet, the Trustees, as to the Progress, Rental and Conditions of Sale. AND the said Trustees do hereby intimate to the Creditors who have not lodged their Grounds of Debt in their Clerk's Hands, to give in the same to them or their Clerk betwixt and the Tenth Day of October next: With Certification, That such Creditors as shall not produce their Grounds of Debt betwixt and the said Day, will be cut off from any Interest in the Price of the said Estate.

†§† That the ASSIZE DUTY of HERRING, belonging to His Grace the Duke of Argyle, betwixt the Mule of Galloway and Pentland Firth, is to be set in Tack by way of Roup, at Inverary, upon Tuesday the 29th Day of August Instant, within the Tolbooth of the said Burgh, betwixt 11 & 12 in the Forenoon, and that for such a Number of Years as can be then agreed on. The Conditions of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of the Sheriff-Clerk of Argyle at his Office at Inveraray.

† † To be Sold at Craigiehall, 4 Miles West of Edinburgh, a Fine MILCH ASS lately colted, together with a beautiful She Colt. He who has the Disposal of them, is to be spoke with at the House of Craigiehall.

‖ Notice is hereby given, by the Managers of the Flshing-Copartnery, That the Copartnery's Lands of Peterhead and Stonehyve, are, upon the 21st Day of November next, to be exposed to publick Sale by Roup, at the Copartnery's Office, at 3 after Noon, and to be set up at a lower Rate than formerly has been done: And in case the same be not then purchased, That immediately thereafter, on the same Day, they are to be put up by Roup to Farm, for such Term of Years as shall be agree'd on, not exceeding 19. The Conditions of the Sale and Tack respectively are to be seen at the Copartnery's Office.

†¶† That upon the Tenth of August Inst. at 10 a-clock before Noon, there is to be Rouped and Sold for ready Money, at reasonable Rates, to the highest Bidder, in the House of Robert Biggar Vintner, the LIQUORS following, belonging to the Creditors of the deceast George Cuming Vintner, viz. Claret, French White-wine and Rhenish, in Cask; Burgundy, Champagne, Frontinaque, Burrahar, Claret, White wine, Canary, Zerry, Arrack, Arrack-Punch and Orange-Wine, in Bottles. Whoever would be informed anent said Liquors, may call at Mr. Alexander Sharp Merchant his House near the Foot of Carrubber's Close. AND the Creditors of said deceast George Cuming are, BY ORDER of their Trustees, desired peremptorily to meet the said Time and Place, anent an important Affair.

†¶† That the Remains of the *Second* and *Third* Volumes of Dr. MACKENZIE's LIVES OF THE SCOTTISH WRITERS, are now in the Hands of *Thomas Heriot* Bookseller in the Parliament-Close, and are to be sold off as soon as the Winter Session sits down: Therefore such as have Receipts for the first Moiety, are to call for their Copies betwixt and that Time, or rest satisfied if they be disposed of.

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